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Dear Sir:

The above-identified application may be related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/172,185, filed on October 13, 1998. The above applications have been assigned to the same assignee as the present application.

Respectfully submitted,
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